

Nomination for Asian Development Bank Executive Director and an Assistant Secretary of State

July 12, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Linda Tsao Yang to be Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank and Robert Gelbard to be the Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters.

"As I return from my successful trip to Asia, I am pleased to make these two significant foreign policy nominations," said the President. "Linda Tsao Yang will bring impressive skills in capital development and a strong knowledge of Asia's economy to her post at the Asian Development Bank. Robert Gelbard has the strength, skill, and knowledge to make a real difference in fighting the international drug trade. I am proud of both of these choices."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Chief Executive Officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation

July 13, 1993

The President announced today that he will nominate Florida businessman Stanley Tate to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation.

"Under the leadership of Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman we have instituted a program of reforming RTC's operations that is already beginning to take hold," said the President. "With his deep understanding of real estate markets and abiding commitment to public service, Stanley Tate will continue that process of saving the taxpayers money."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for Director of the National Science Foundation

July 13, 1993

The President announced his intention today to nominate Dr. Neal F. Lane, the provost of Rice University, to be the Director of the National Science Foundation.

"By providing financial support to our Nation's scientists and engineers, the National Science Foundation fuels the engine of creativity that helps us to increase our economic potential and our base of knowledge," said the President. "Neal Lane, with his considerable experience as a scientist and administrator, will provide the leadership necessary to foster the great talent, ingenuity, and potential of the American research community."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination for United States Representative to the European Community

July 13, 1993

The President nominated Washington lawyer Stuart E. Eizenstat today to be the Representative of the United States to the European Community, with the rank of Ambassador.

"Stuart Eizenstat has been an important and highly respected voice in national and international policy debates for many years, and I have frequently found his advice to be invaluable," said the President. "As our country's representative to the European Community, he will ensure that our interests are well represented as the process of change continues on that continent."

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

**Remarks at a Water Distribution Site
in Des Moines, Iowa**

July 14, 1993

The President. Thank you very much. Let me just say, first of all, how very appreciative I am for the incredible work that has been done here in the last several days by the people of this State. I'm very proud of the contribution that has been made by all of the Federal Agencies, working in partnership with the people of Iowa, and I want to say a special word of appreciation for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and its Director, James Lee Witt, but also to the Agriculture Department. Secretary Espy is here with me for the second time in only 10 days, and I think his third trip to Iowa, and Mr. Witt is here. And your Senators and your congressional delegation, they're all here with us today. And Governor Branstad and I took a helicopter flight over the major portions of Des Moines and the surrounding area that have been hurt so badly.

Because I come from a State that's not all that different from Iowa, I have seen whole towns flooded, I have seen massive amounts of farmland flooded, but I've never seen anything on this scale before. And certainly, in my lifetime, anyway, to my knowledge there's never been an American city without water that was this large for this long a period of time.

I'm here today to view this damage, to talk to the members of the congressional delegation, to talk to the Governor and the other State officials of the people who are here working, and to do what I can to assure you that the victims of this disaster—and insofar as I, as President, can guarantee it—will be treated just like the victims of Hurricane Andrew or Hugo or the terrible devastation in Hawaii that my wife is visiting today from just several months ago. This is a very profound problem.

As you know, we have five States now, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri, along with Iowa, that have been declared disasters. We have our Federal folks in South Dakota, which has had extensive crop damage, Kansas, and Nebraska, reviewing those States. We will present today a bill to the Congress for emergency assistance based on

our best estimates of the damage reports that have been filed to date. But we know there will be several more in, in the next few days, and I expect we'll have to revise all those numbers upward. We want to get the bill in today just to start movement on the bill. But as the damage reports come in over the next 4 to 5 days, I expect you'll see some revision upward in the numbers that the administration has asked for, both in the House and the Senate. And I want to say again, I'm going to do my best to make sure that the full reach of Federal assistance comes to the people of Iowa and to all the victims of this flood, and I'll be working closely with your congressional delegation to get that done.

But in the end, this is really a triumph of the spirit of the people of this State. I've been very moved by what I have seen not only from the helicopter but here in this parking lot today. And I want to say a special word of thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and who have come forward to help people in times of need, because that's really what America is all about. We've seen once again that we are capable of being a very strong family when we need to be, and it's a great tribute to your people. Thank you very much.

Q. Mr. President, there's a lot of desperate people here in Iowa, and Minnesota, Missouri, throughout the Midwest. What kinds of words on a personal level, words of encouragement, can you give them?

The President. Well, I can tell them that I have seen this sort of thing happen before in my own State. I've lived through this. I've seen people wiped out of their homes. And I talked to a lot of people here today who have lost everything they had in their homes, their businesses, their crops. And what I would say to them is we'll do what we can to help. But in the end, it is the inner strength of people and the support of the communities and families that will bring us through. But this will pass, and we have to keep looking to the future. That's what I sense in this crowd today, people who are willing to do that. I will do everything I can to make sure that this country does not forget about the people of Iowa and the other victims of the disaster, but we've just got to go on. We've got to pick up the pieces and go